Border fencing along Kutch

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 508 km. long border along Kutch, has been the most porous border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether fencing along these borders has been taken up; the progress made therein, and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost and the expenditure incurred so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) The Government has decided to carry out fencing works in 310 Kms. of the fenceable stretch along the Pakistan border in the Kutch area to prevent infiltration and smuggling of arms, ammunition, etc. from across the border. This is a composite project involving construction of road on raised embankment, construction of border outposts, providing barbed wire fence etc. At present 62 Kms. of road and embankment have been completed while barbed wire fence has been provided in 16 Kms. stretch. The entire work is targeted to be completed by March, 2005.

(c) The estimated cost of the fencing works is Rs. 250.00 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 70.64 crores has been incurred on the fencing works upto March, 2003.

Errors in investigation conducted by Delhi Police

4858. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forensic Science Wing of the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) has pointed out a series of investigation errors committed by the Police while handling cases relating to rape/sexual assaults, murders and accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to correct these errors and implement the suggestions made by the Forensic Science Wing team of doctors of the MAMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) :

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The Department of Forensic Medicine of Maulana Azad